



Brian M. Tertel

May 29, 2006

Tertel, Brian M. age 31 of Livonia, suddenly May 29, 2006. Loving son of Anthony and Helen. Beloved brother of Marie (Richard) Simons; Robert, and Matthew (Chrissy.) Wonderful uncle of Anna-Marie Tertel and Jasmin Parker. Also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Brian was born in Southfield, and raised in Plymouth. He has lived in the Livonia area for the last five years. Brian graduated from Canton High School in 1993, where he was a member of the swim team for four years. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelors degree in Business in 2000. He worked as a Service Representative at TRW Automotive for seven years. Brian enjoyed automotive work, beginning with his summer employment at Roush Racing Shop during his high school years. He continued his interest in autos, and became a drag racer, with races in Milan Dragway and also in Norwalk Raceway Park and Zenna. He enjoyed restorative work on cars, and was proud of the work he did on his 1964 Ford Fairlane and 1957 Ford Thunderbird. Brian has been a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck Road) since 1977, where a funeral mass will be held Friday at 10:30 AM. His body will lie in state at church beginning 10 AM. Visitation Wednesday 5-9 PM and Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago IL 60674. To leave a message of condolence, click

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brian M. Tertel*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *sorry about the lost of brain. I did not know him but reading his obituary he was full of life and energy. thank you for sending this to me. nancy.*

nancy stevens - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to my Uncle Tony, Aunt Helen and those who knew and loved Brian. We never know what God has planned for us that is why it is so important to live your life to the fullest and let those you love know it every day in every way because you never know what tomorrow will bring. I didn't know Brian; however, I always had high regard for his mom and dad. They are really special people so I know they raised a very special young man. May the love of God, family and friends help you through your loss. I lost my mom 21 years ago and I still miss her so much. That feeling never goes away only you have to remember what your live would have been like if your loved one wouldn't have been there at all. Remember the good times and how lucky you all were to have known and loved Brian. Those you love never leave your heart.*

Beverlee D. Tertel - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY*

CATHY/KITTEN44/TALKCITY - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LF

“ Brian,
i only met you a couple of times in Malta, and went with you and Ilona to the dolphin show. I was shocked to hear what happened but you are now in a much better place. My condolences go to your family.

rest in peace brian.

from leanne x

Leanna Falzon - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

J(

“ To Marie And all of Brain's Family

Marie as you know that god gave me a sweet grand daughter May 4th ...Then on May 8th he also seen fit to make her one of his angels ...Ive never met Brain but i know he now too is in heaven playing with my sweet angle..someone sent this poem to me ..I hope it brings you and your family comfort at this time. God bless you all in the deepest way

Little Snowdrop

*The world may never notice
If a Snowdrop doesn't bloom,
Or even pause to wonder
If the petals fall too soon.
But every life that ever forms,
Or ever comes to be,
Touches the world in some small way
For all eternity.*

*The little one we long for
Was swiftly here and gone.
But the love that was then planted
Is a light that still shines on.
And though our arms are empty,
Our hearts know what to do.
Every beating of our hearts
Says that we love you*

Jackie (jackiesway) - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CO

“ Marie and family,

I'm so sorry Marie to hear about your loss. What a terrible tragedy. My thoughts are with you sweetheart. I miss you.

Cindy

Cookie - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SA

“ Dear Marie (bunnie)

My heart and thoughts are with you and your family. Love him now with your great memory of him. When you do that, smile so he and others will see the love you have for him.

Sam - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TT

“ Dear Family,

It is hard for me to express my condolences to you in words because I have been through this myself. Be so thankful for the 31 years you have been blessed with such a wonderful son. Let GOD be your strength and know that Brian isn't gone he is just away and lives forever in the closest place to you, your hearts. I never had the opportunity of meeting him, which is my loss because from what I have learned I had a really great cousin. Take care of yourselves & God Bless! Tammie

Tamara Tertel - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SC

“ To family & family of Brian:

There is so much I learned about Brian, just from working with him day-to-day here at TRW. Every day he showed high work ethics, trustworthiness, and honest caring about people. Even in the most difficult situations, Brian would find a way to stay professional and find a common ground. What I will remember most about Brian was his positive attitude, bright blue eyes, and broad confident smile. I'm so sorry this unfortunate accident took place. I grieve with all family and friends. I pray that Brian is at peace in heaven, grinning down at us poor mortals with that big confident smile.

To Brian:

This was the WRONG way to get out of your TRW auditor duties! :)

Sue Couch - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TT

“ *John Tertel's Daughter's and Family.*

Sorry to hear about your loss! Our hearts are with you during your time of grief.

Terry Tertel and Trish Tertel - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

HL

“ *Tony & Helen:*

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Brian. What a tragic accident for both families. You are in my thoughts.

Fondly,

Helen Luther

Helen Bartolo Luther - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AS

“ *To the Tertel Family,
Brian was great to work with and he will be missed! How many times did I have to tell him to just go home and not stay so late! I didn't realize how much he touched my life, but found myself mentioning him quite often when I wasn't at work. I will miss how he let me vent about anything and would listen without criticism. He was great about checking on me when my father was ill and then after he passed. You raised a very caring, polite man and we will all miss him! How he loved his family and friends and worried about anything they were going through!*

Everytime I see a turtle, I'll think of Brian!

About the only thing Brian and I didn't talk about was faith. It's wonderful to hear how faith was a part of his life and you can rest assured that he is safe in heaven and in God's arms. You now have your own special angel and know that he'll hear your prayers. I believe he is in a wonderful place now, so although everyone will miss him, especially his family, he is at peace.

*With love and prayers,
Amy*

Amy Strand - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CJ

“ *Uncle Tony & Aunt Helen
We are so very sorry for your loss, of such a wonderful young man. On my last visit he was great, an I got to ride in that 64 Ford!
I know he was a wonderful Son and Brother and a beam of light to all who knew him!
Our prayers are with you all at this very sad time! Love, Carol Ann & John*

Carol Ann & John - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GS

“ *I'm so sorry to here this news of Brian.*

Gary Simmons - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BS

“ *Brian was a very wonderful person and very dedicated to his position. He will greatly missed.*

Brian Stalter - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DO

“ *I would like to express my condolences to all the members of Brian's family. I met many of you at the Funeral Home on Thursday, and you have left a lasting impression. Your support of one another, your Faith in God, and your love of Brian all were clear. Those are the things that will get you through this difficult time. I am praying for all of you. Brian is deeply missed here at TRW, but will not be forgotten.*

Dana O'Connor - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SF

“ *We were very sorry to hear of this tragic incident. It is very hard to express one's feelings in such a difficult moment of loss. But we are sure that Brian is now safe in the arms of God where nothing of this world can ever cause him any harm. We express our deep sympathy and send our condolences to you Helen and Tony, his brothers and sister including all relatives and friends.*

Stella, Tony, Marianne & family - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JW

“ With saddened hearts we must let you go, but we are thankful for the cherished blessing of your friendship along with the big and small memories we shared with you.

To the Tertel Family: May the Lord bless you with comfort and peace.

Jan Eichinger-TRW Wixom - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AH

“ My heart goes out to Brian's family, all of his friends and co-workers. Brian was such a pleasure to work with and always brought a smile to the workplace. Brian will be greatly missed by all of the lives that he touched.

Amy Hesse - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Brian's family and to all those who knew and loved him.
Talking to Brian about work or his love of classic cars was such a pleasure. I will miss his company during the late nights at the office. I shall miss shouting "Brian, you still here" before turning out the lights. Brian will be sadly missed but he will always be remembered very fondly.

May the many memories of Brian be a comfort to you all at this very sad time.

Ros Rodrigues - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. i have been good friends w/ marie now for many years. I just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of loss. Brian is with god now and we have to trust in that, hard as it has to be. God must have a plan for Brian.
much love to to the family in this very difficult time.
Love Lisa Zachary

Lisa Zachary & Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

NG

“ Brian - I will miss our late nights working, your CDs, your smile and blue eyes. We were a team you see....that is now missing one. I will miss your singing "Crazy" and the tapping of your feet. I will also miss you shouting "Ford is number 1". You touched the lives of all of us and things will never be the same. (Who will I make brownies for??) P.S. Brian spoke so highly of his family to his co-workers...we will all miss him.

Nancee Godre - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GI

“ My thoughts are with Brian?s family and friends during this difficult time. Although I worked with him briefly at TRW, he made a lasting impression. Everyday he would walk by with a bright, joyful smile on his face and bring warmth to my day. Many of our conversations consisted of Brian speaking highly of his family and his trips to Malta. He will forever be in my heart and the hearts of many others.

Gina Imbrunone - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SV

“ Dear Anthony and Helen,

I know your son through work, and I've had the pleasure of meeting him in person.

Brian has (will always have) a beautiful personality and he made the everyday business more enjoyable.

You raised a thoughtful and caring man, and I'm glad that I had the honor of knowing him and I

hope some of his goodness has rubbed off on me.

God bless you all,

Saadia Valdes-DePinto - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GR

“ Helen and Tony,

Geoff and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. We know this is a very difficult time for you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

With our deepest sympathy,

Geoff and Lou Rumble

Geoffrey and Lou Rumble - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

HE

“ To Brian's family and friends,

Words simply can not express how truly sorry I am for your loss.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

In the Lord, put your trust.

Psalms 11:1

Heather - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SM

“ I never met Brian personally, but spoke to him daily regarding part issues. He was a real pleasure to work with. He will be missed by all. God Bless and watch over his family and friends at this time.

Susan Morgan - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MC

“ Dear Mr and Mrs Tertel

I am so sorry to hear about Brian's loss. He has been very kind to me and I feel lucky to have met such a wonderful person. He continuously spoke about you and he loved you dearly. May God be with you and your family throughout such a difficult moment. God bless you, Madeleine

Madeleine Camilleri - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CH

“ So sudden, so unexpected for someone so young & vital, so full of life, so sad for everyone left behind. The sadness will hopefully lessen over time as we understand Gods plan and that you are in the wonderful loving hands of God in his peaceful, safe heaven. You are now one of his Angels sent to watch over family and friends forever.

Thanks for all that you taught me over the last 6 years, our long talks on all those late nites waiting for ASN's to clear. Hold onto all those thoughts my friend and we'll meet again to finish our conversations. Til then, know you will be missed everyday and NEVER forgotten. "Cool Beans" Brian, and Gods speed.

Connie Heffley - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

E(

“ Dear Tony, Helen and family,
I cannot find words to express the sorrow we are enduring at the sudden death of Brian at such a tender age. We cannot forget his last holiday he had in Malta last Christmas. He felt really happy that he was invited at us together with the family for New Year's Day lunch. I remember him telling us that he really loved his family and spending time with his parents was a priority to him. Brian was a family man. Although you all may be going through a difficult time, I am sure he is already in Heaven praying for all those who cared for him so much. Brian will never be forgotten.

Eleonor & Kevin Curmi (Malta) - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DY

“ My heart and soul goes out to you Marie and your family. I send spirit filled energies to you..Love you girl friend.. Dyane

Dyane - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CF

“ Dear Tony, Helen & Family,
We just want you to know we are here for you and care for you very much. Jake made a comment about how Brian is "having a blast" in heaven. You WILL be reunited with him again. This life here on earth is only temporary, but life in heaven is eternal.
We are praying that God brings peace to your hearts.

Chris & Debbie Courtney + Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

ST

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the death of someone so loved by so many. Although I'm so far away, know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time of struggle.

God Be with You!!! Stacy Tadlock
Pohnpei, Micronesia

Stacy Tadlock - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TT

“ Dear Tony and Helen and Family,

Sorry to hear about your loss of your wonderful son. I remember him always smiling and caring about everyone. My deepest condolences , my thoughts are with you all.

Tomas

Tomas Tomik - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JW

“ I'm sorry for your family, Brian, because it takes a special family to have a special guy like you. For the brief time we knew each other I want to say thanks for being Brian.

Jon Weber - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JR

“ my God be with you in this time of sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jaci Ryan

Jaci Ryan - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

IM

“ Dear Brian,

Seeing this picture of you takes me back to when we went to the dolphinarium on my 21st birthday - the same picture of you and I together is stuck to my bedroom wall. I can't believe you're gone - you were so full of life and energy and so very optimistic, so much looking forward to your next visit to Malta - you were already thinking of how to get your suntan back - it's so unfair! I only wish I had found 5 minutes to reply to your last email in which you told me how much fun you and Matt were having on the bike! Although very shocking and sad, it is comforting to know that God had sent us an angel from the heavens above to bless us with care and friendship, however it was time for that angel to find his place in Heaven once again.

Until the day we meet again Brian - with lots of Love - Ilona, David, Lucia & Evicka xxxx

Ilona Busuttil - Malta - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RM

“ Dear Tony, Helen & Family,

It was a terrible shock hearing of Brian's loss. Brian was respectful and respected. We are two lucky persons to have met Brian and spent some time with him. He's Gone but will never be forgotten. You handed over a gift to God for Him to cherish. Our prayers go out to you and all the family.

Robert & Katia Mizzi - Malta - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RB

“ Brian, I will miss our GM VS Ford muscle rivalry conversations. You will be sadly missed here but not forgotten. Your sticky notes will live on forever.

God Bless,
Ric

Ric Beckman - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KC

“ Brian, I will miss our singing "Crazy" together after hours! It was the bright spot in my day. More than that, I will miss chatting with you everyday! Words cannot explain the sadness I feel at this time.

Kim Cole - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KT

“ I am so very, very, very, very sorry for the loss of such a wonderful human being! I got the opportunity to really know Brian over the summer and fall of last year moreso and realized how much of a gift from God he truly was! I am here to support all of you in any way I can. He's with God and the Angels now. May God grant you all peace and love during this MOST DIFFICULT TIME!!! I love you all and you're in my prayers! Karen

Karen Tertel - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SS

“ My Dear Marie and family,

I know that at a time like this words can not express or help in your loss, but know I am so sorry!

I have felt your pain, I lost not only a brother but a sister as well and nothing no one could say or do at that time could help to ease my pain! But know that time heals all, we will never forget the ones that we have and I do not want to use the word lost but rather taken home where we will meet up with them again in time! So please try to remember this and remember him often and smile at all the wonderful things he has given to others to smile about...and in reading the others condolences remember when hearing Crazy to join in and sing in your heart's knowing that he is not gone from your live's but rather at home and in peace with out having to suffer and that you will see him again someday!

I can only hope in my heart that you can celebrate his live rather then morn his lose, and maybe not at this very moment but in time I know this will take place!

Always remember to Keep the faith and believe, God will get you through this!

With my deepest condolences,

Susan

Susan AKA spmeir - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MS

“ *Marie and family,
We were so sorry to here this news of Brian. We have been thinking
of you!*

Matt and Sarah Simons - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AF

“ *Brian,
Your smile could light up the entire room. Your laugh could brighten
any day. The sounds of your voice singing "Crazy" could put a smile
on my face a mile long. Our talks about classic cars, counting the
parts tower during inventory, seeing and working with you 5 days a
week for 7 years will be missed tremendously - but not forgotten.*

Amanda Fox - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

FM

“ *We, at Ford of Canada, are sadden by Brian's passing. Our
thoughts and prayer are with his Family, Friends and co-workers at
TRW.*

Ford of Canada - Carlos Gutierrez - Supply Manager - December 12, 2014 at
10:34 AM

ML

“ *So sorry to hear of your tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are
with you during this very difficult time.*

Monique Bartolo De Leon - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JH

“ Your son touched many lives and I am very blessed to have shared time with Brian through out the years that I have known him. He will truly be missed.

With deepest Sympathy,
Jody Hefty --TRW in Garrett,Ind

Jody Hefty - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JB

“ I never had the joy of knowing Brian as more than a work acquaintance. He, however, pursued his job with a passion and lead courageously. I'm sure these characteristics were also evident in his personal life and obvious to anyone that knew him more than I.

God's speed, my friend, and farewell.

Jon Bone - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KC

“ Brian, working with you was the best part of this job. Things will not be the same without you here. I'll miss you my friend.

Ken Conaway - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with Brian's family and friends. I work for Ford of Canada and had contact with Brian often. He was a pleasure to work with and a wonderful person. He will be missed.

Marsha Hugill - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AM

“ Dear Helen & Tony,

We are so sorry for your lose,it was a great shock to hear Brian had passed onto the other side, he was a fine man always with a smile on his face and we never heard him complain once.We know he always enjoyed his visist to Malta and he would have liked to come again,even though we are so far away you guys are still in our thoughts and prayers a service was made in brians name from us yesterday 30/05/06.

Adrian, Margaret & Sarah Busuttil Malta - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CD

“ *I worked with Brian for many years here at TRW. He was a great person to work with and to know. He will be greatly missed.*

Carol Davis - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CS

“ *My heart is breaking with this sad news. My prays and thoughts are with Brian, his family, and friends in this time of grief. Remember, God has a plan for all of us, and Brian has fulfilled his plan here on earth. When I think of Brian I smile, because everytime I saw him he was smiling. He loved life! May God be with us all.*

*With Love,
Clarissa Stiff*

Clarissa Stiff - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JC

“ It is my belief that when someone leaves this earth that part of their essence is in evrything that is born after. That way Brian will always be a part of all the goes forward and that he will never be truly gone.

Jan Caswell - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

PW

“ Although I did not work with Brian long I enjoyed the time we did work together. He was an asset to TRW and he will be greatly missed.

Pat Wilcox - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TT

“ Brian, you will be so missed and never forgotten. Things will never be the same with you gone. I promise to play your song "Crazy" as often as I can. Please know that you were loved by ALL of us and always will be.

Tiffany Turner - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RB

“ I never personally met Brian except to talk to him on the telephone. Brian was always pleasant and a pleasure to work with. My heart felt sorrow to his family and friends. God Bless Brian!!

Rosemary Bardeleben - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DB

“ Dear Aunt Helen and Uncle Tony and Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. We cannot be there, but we are there in love and thoughts. May God help you through this very difficult time. Our prayers are with you. All our love...

Don, Cynthia and David Bucci - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

M(

“ Dear Tony & Helen,
It was a big shock for us to hear about this sad news. Our sympathy is with you during this difficult time you are going through. Though hundreds of miles away from you, you are in our minds and hearts. We shall never forget Brian as he was a respectable good man. We send our condolences to all the family.

Monica & Maurice Mizzi (Malta) - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RM

“ Brian,

I'm so sad to learn that you have passed on. You were such a nice young man who gave great thought and care to all you did. I know Marie, Bobby, Mathew, and your mom and dad will miss you greatly; but will always hold you close in thought. You touched all of us who new you.

Renee' Micallef - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KR

“ Dear Helen and Tony,

I can't tell you how sad I am for your terrible loss. You are strong and wonderful people, who do not deserve such a tragedy.

I hope you can find comfort knowing that God chose you four times to be parents. God, in his wisdom and grace, knew that you would be wonderful parents, and wanted to give you two children who needed a wonderful home and family, before biology gave you two more.

Because God chose you for such an important and inspired task I know, however short, Brian's life was a wonderful miracle, filled with love in so many ways. I know God and family helped you through the joyful task of raising Brian, and I know God and family will help you through this sorrowful task as well.

Kathy Rumble - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DR

“ dear tony and helen i do so wish to find the words to help ease your pain,i know it isnt possible.may god bring you all the courage and strength you need at this very difficult time.i only remember seeing brian twice ,once as a baby and the last time we came to visit.we both saw a very sweet and wonderful young man.our prayers are with you and your family.we are very saddened for you both.i am reading psalm 23 my favorite and thinking of you both.god bless you and your wonderful family.love to you all. don and lucy and family.

donald and lucy rumble - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SN

“ Dear Tony and Helen and Family: We are so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you all.

Love, Scott, Suzanne, Alex and Ryan

Scott and Suzanne Nelson - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MA

“ Dad, everything will be alright, Brian is just gettin it done (up in heaven with God and Nuna)
don't cry

Marie - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM